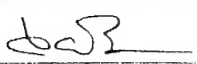


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MEMORANDUM FOR: ✓ Director, Office of Legislative Liaison
Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

FROM: Legislation Division *Sit*
Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Legislative Developments in 98th Congress and
Outlooks for 99th Congress

OVERVIEW

The Agency was successful in achieving a number of legislative objectives in the 98th Congress. The major legislative initiative of this Office during this Congress was the effort to obtain relief for the Agency from the Freedom of Information Act. On 15 October 1984, President Reagan signed into law, P.L. 98-477, the CIA Information Act. The Agency also was successful in securing amendments to legislation which otherwise would have adversely impacted the Intelligence Community. The annual Intelligence Authorization Acts have continued to be utilized as vehicles for obtaining enhancements of Agency and Intelligence Community statutory authorities. Unfortunately, both the 1984 and 1985 Intelligence Authorization Bills became embroiled in a partisan debate over the Administration's policies in Central America. The Agency's activities in Central America have been the focus of considerable congressional attention and action during the past Congress and likely will continue to be an issue in the next Congress along with the question of Agency covert action in general and the use of the Agency authorities to transfer military equipment to foreign countries in support of such operations. In addition to Agency activity in Central America and covert action in general, supplemental retirement legislation will remain a major issue in the 99th Congress. (U)

FOIA RELIEF LEGISLATION

The major legislative initiative of this Office has been the effort to obtain relief for the Agency from the FOIA. This effort actually began several years ago, but it was only during the past two years that major strides were made toward

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